no parachute. Some limbs of the law seem unable

Schoolboy says the hardest branch of learning grows on a birch tree.

to branch out very far.

Be honest in your convictions and let the rest of the world take care of itself.

Discover how to tax a nation justly and you become the founder of God's Kingdom on earth.

The Boers are silent. In this respect they set a fine example to their would-be congressional allies.

The government of Nicaragua has finally settled down to a normal condition. It is hard up and trying to borrow money.

A United States trooper in New Mexico married a fair lady in Kentucky by telegraph. This sounds novel, but is a current fact.

A reference library for congress would be a good thing. It might enable certain gentlemen to take their minds off themselves.

A new Venezuelan minister is headed in this direction. We sincerely trust he will be able to reach us ahead of the news of the next revolution.

'According to the Montreal and Toronto newspapers, our prosperity has lapped over into Canada. Is this additional evidence of foreign entanglements?

One state of the Union, having a surplus of a million dollars in its treasury, for which it has no pressing use, proposes to devote it to the improvement of public schools. There may be little "practical politics" in such a course, but there is much regard for the welfare of the people.

The supreme court of the United States has decided the case of the Addystone Pipe Company against the combination of pipe manufacturers called the "Associated Pipe Works." The manufacturers in this combination controlled the supply of gas, water and sewer pipes in a considerable number of states, and apportioned the territory among themselves. When contracts were to be awarded, the company to which the territory affected had been assigned would notify the other companies of its bid, and they would put in higher bids. The contract would go to the lowest bidder, which would divide a part of its profits with the others. The supreme court decided that this practice was a restraint upon interstate commerce, and herefore illegal.

The disfigurement of scenery with hideous advertisements is a great evil a separate judicial district. in this country, but is by no means peculiar to it. In England it has reached such magnitude that a large society has been formed, with a periodical publication as its organ, to combat it and to resist its further extension. The society is reported already to have done much good, especially by so arousing public sentiment as to make it evident that advertisers guilty of the offence will lose rather than gain patronage thereby. There is shrewd sense in that plan of campaign, commendable for application elsewhere. Advertisements are disif it be known that those which have a character revolting to good taste will repel patronage and cause loss instead of gain, offensive methods of display 29. will speedily be abandoned. The remedy of this evil, as of many others, lies within reach of the public.

The Department of Agriculture work on poisonous plants continues to be one of the most popular lines of in- injuries to his spine that he died. vestigation thus far undertaken by the division of botany of the agricultural department. The plan of systematically investigating actual cases of poisoning, begun in 1896, has been continued. The fatalities during the last year, included over 4,000 head of farm animals and at least 21 persons. The whole number of fatalities due to now made on allotments. poisonous plants is without doubt considerably greater than is shown by the department figures. Even these, however, compared with the statistics in pealing to congress not to authorize Blyth's Text Book on Polsons, show that during the past year the death rate of human beings in the United States from poisonous plants is twice as great as the average death rate in England from the same cause. This is unquestionably due to a lack of popular knowledge about poisonous plants. The bulletin on this subject has had a wide circulation, and it is hoped that the subject will be taken up and studied in all its bearings.

English soldiers and English news papers are now wailing dolefully over the annoyances of red tape in the war department, the tenor of complaint be that another has confessed and that the Perkins banker, is building a fifty ing almost identical with that heard Boggs has been terribly wronged. in this country during the recent Spanish war. Red tape is a subject for jokes and jibes during the piping times of peace, but red tape in time of war tions of the Indian Territory the power is responsible for the loss of hundreds to issue bonds or other forms of inof lives, the waste of millions of dollars and the dampening of patriotic ardor in the breasts of thousands of

A Chicago woman mistook a strange man for her husband the other day and had him arrested for bigamy. Of course, there will now be the usual crop of paragraphs about the difficulty of a Chicago woman in recognizing her husbands. Really, the lady in question should be more careful next time before invoking the aid of the law in order to reclaim or punish an erring

A Chicago man secured a patent for his typewriter. If that is all he had to get her for Christmas he is lucky.

Meade County News. NEWS OF THE TERRITORIES.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE FUTURE STATES.

BLAHOMA AND INDIAN TERRITORY

The name of the postoffice at Bonton Cherokee nation, I. T., has been changed to Ramona. The Pawnee Dispatch declares that

Pawnee has no smallpox, never had any and never will have any. Overton, I. T., has about 500 people,

all negroes. All of the officials including the postmaster, mayor and town marshal are negroes. Mrs. Alfred Downs, of Grove, I. T.,

was fired at three times through a window of the Downs home. Her recovery was pronounced doubtful. George Fields, Jr., of Missouri, while at Grove, I. T., got into a fight and

was shot three times. His wounds were pronounced dangerous. The smallpox situation in Oklahoma is suffering from numerous exaggera tions as is usual in cases where a sup-

pression of news is attemped. In Greer county there are mountains with veins of mineral through them, apparently, and these mountains are open to the miner's efforts. Why don't

they tackle them? It is a circumstance strongly in favor of the presence of minerals in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma mountains that no man who ever studied the situation came Lack doubtful.

B. M. Miller, of Atoka, I. T., is in Washington. In the event that additional registers of deeds for Oklahoma are provided by congress, Mr. Miller expects to receive the appointment for

Henry Peck, of Oklahoma, aged 70, has been arrested on a charge of embezzlement. It is charged that he had charge of a bunch of cattle for another party and sold them and used the pro-

The Santa Fe station for Manchester and Cameron is called Camehester. Mail is received at Manchester postoffice addressed to Camchester and is sent back to writers or to the dead let-

Postmaster Baird of Eufaula, I. T., has been taken to the detention camp, having a well developed case of smallpox. An order resulted that all mails be fumigated at Muskogee and other points adjacent to Wagoner.

William M. Sims has been sworn in as United States constable for the Sixth commissioner's district of the northern district of the Indian Territory, succeeding L. P. Isbel, whose term of office expired.

paring a bill to be introduced by Dele- Fort Smith. Ark., is within twenty gate Flynn at the present session of miles of that place and will be comcongress, which provides for the organ- pleted in a month. ization of the Osage Indian country as

The territorial supreme court has expressed the opinion that all the counties in Oklahoma are entitled to a pro ritory as are ready, added. rata share of the revenue derived from the leasing of school lands in both the Cherokee strip and old Oklahoma.

The horsemen of Oklahoma have perfeeted an organization by the election of M. C. Ford of Perry, president and S. H. Allen of Enid, secretary and paring bids. treasurer. Dates for the races for the coming season were fixed as follows: Enid, August 10 to 16; Hennessey, Au- spilled in the streets of South McAlesplayed solely for the sake of gain, and gust 21 to 23; El Reno, August 28 to 30; ter. The wine had been shipped into Oklahoma City, September 4 to 6; Guth- the territory, which is contrary to law, rie, September 11 to 13; Perry, Septem- and the penalty of which is confiscation ber 18 to 20; Newkirk, September 25 to of the wine and imprisonment and ar-

> Oscar Gray, of Yarnaly, I. T., was riding his pony through the pasture after cattle, when the animal stepped in a gopher hole and pitched the boy over his head, inflicting such serious

The old burial ground of the Ponca Indians, on a hill west of White Eagle has been abandoned. The Poncas buried their dead there nearly twenty years, but sacrilegious white persons despoiled the graves and tore up the little houses over them. Burials are

Senator Cockrell has presented a petition from the lease holders in the Chickasaw and Choctaw nation apthe execution of the law which makes their leases expire January 1, but to suspend its operation until the Dawes commission has completed its work of individual allotment to the Indians.

The passenger train that runs to Tonkawa was wrecked near South Haven, Kas., recently. The vreck think they will be ready to begin allotwas caused by a broken rail. No one was seriously hurt.

It will be remembered that Postmaster Boggs of Shawnee, was removed and convicted of stealing some registered packages. Now it is claimed

The Muskogee city council is now preparing a bill to be laid before congress, giving the municipal corpora debtedness in payment for public improvements, such as water and the

Near Byron, W. O. Cunningham lived nearest neighbor's, dropping in a heap at the front door. He was carefully tended but died at midnight.

Oklahoma has something like 325,000 people; a greater number than several states of the Union. Her assessed val uation is about \$43,000,000; her wheat crop 20,000,000 bushels; her corn crop 75,000,000, bashels; her cotton crop 100,000 bales. She has 75 banks and The two corps met on the west line of 900 miles of railway.

Perry has a public library of 1,000

The Bar association holds its annual meeting this week.

The building on the old Fort Elliott reservation will be offered for sale March 20, next.

Burglars drilled into the postoffice safe at Manchester but failed to open it. The safe was not locked. Adjutant General Bert C. Orner is

taking steps to supply the Oklahoma

militia with ordnance and quartermas-The chicken raisers of Oklahoma are making all preparations to attend the big poultry show at Kansas City on

January 17. It is said that the cattlemen's meeting next month will be, without exaggeration, the biggest thing of its kind ever pulled off.

M. J. M. Crossley of Greer county, raised six steers that averaged 1,716 pounds each, for which he received three cents per pound.

Corn in Blaine county, where the crop is immense, has been selling for 16 and 17 cents A better figure is hoped for in the spring.

Abe Grantham has been arrested at Scipio, I. T., charged with being an accessory in the killing of Mrs. Plunkett at Scipio last week.

The United States commissioners of the Indian Territory are discussing the under their jurisdiction.

James Brock, a bawdy house tough, was shot and mortally wounded by O. T., while resisting arrest.

Col. W. P. Houk, postoffice inspector for Arkansas for many years, has been transferred to the Indian Territory, with headquarters at Muskogee.

Former Agent Walker does not think it possible for the Kiowa and the proposed suit. The governor is Comanche lands to be opened up for anxious to secure a decision from the settlement before two years from now. state supreme court on the legality of The Custer County Fair association

has been organized at Arapahoe. It is proposed to give an agricultural exhibit and hold a race each year at Ara-The following Oklahoma postoffices

Oklahoma county, mail to Luther; and Curry, Pottawatomie county, mail to Shawnee. Governor Barnes has appointed W. T. Peoples delegate to the second an-

have been discontinued: Douglas,

Orleans Hardesty Herald: Al. Brown's ten mule teams hauling three wagons on

Chief Justice John H. Burford is pre- built from South McAlester, I. T., to

Senator Allison of Michigan writes to Mr. Metcalf of Oklahoma that he will favor statehood for Oklahoma

Colonel James F. Randlett, agent for the Kiowas and Comanches, has received instructions from the department of the interior to re-lease all lands under his jurisdiction for the period of three years. The cattlemen are pre-

By order of the United States marshal, over 300 gallons of wine wa rest of the owners, if they can be found.

Governor Barnes also has appointed the following Oklahoma delegates to the meeting of the National Live Stock Association, to meet at Fort Worth, Tex., January 15-17: Cy Howenstine, Arapahoe; J. A. Trotter, Quartz, and P. W. Smith, Newkirk.

Bank Examiner Pugh of Oklahoma says that the growth of the banking business in Oklahoma and the kind of dividends declared this year is almost state exact figures in his annual report ernment. for fear of being called a fakir.

The women of the negro city of Langston, O. T., lately raised money and have lighted the streets with fifteen gasoline lamps. The funds were seselling of fancy work made by the

M. P. Lyons, inspector for the Dawes commission, is quoted as follows: "It will not be long till there will be actual allotment in the Chickasaw nation. I ment work in the nation in a very short time now."

Iowa City is a new town in eastern Oklahoma, C. H. Lee from Maryville, Mo., has built and stocked a hardware store, 25 by 80 feet in size. Mr. Means feet front bank building.

The territorial bar association has recommended Judge Jere Strang and John Shartel for appointment as representatives from Oklahoma at the meeting to discuss uniformity of laws throughout the states. Governor Barnes asked the organization to make recommendations.

The postmaster at Pawhnska will alone on a claim. He took sick, and hereafter receive \$1,000 per year as the staggered across the country to his office has been raised to a third class

A good many of the boards of county commissioners in Oklahoma are refus ing to issue licenses to sell liquor on a sufficient number of names.

The Choctaw had two surveying parties on its Amarilla extension, one party working east, the other west. Custer county last week.

WAY OUT FOR CATTLEMEN.

To Get The Court of Visitation Before The Supreme Court.

LEGISLATURE MAY BE CALLED.

Topeka, Jan. 13.-The Kansas Catdemen's Association will take its grievances against the railroads for thanging their system of collecting reight charges from the carload to the 100 pound system the court of visitation. In that way the question as to the constitutionality of the court of risitation law can soon be determined by the state supreme court. The deision of Judge Hook, of the federal ourt, knocking out the judicial feature of the law, rather discouraged the catlemen from seeking any redress hrough the court of visitation. Howwer, Judge Hook's decision was on a emporary injunction and was not deivered on the merits of the case. Therefore the cattlemen have decided o appeal to the court of visitation for elief. By doing this the state supreme ourt will get a final whack at the new railroad law before the United states supreme court does. This course was decided upon also

lor another reason. The cattlemen nust have a foundation on which to base a suit. At present it has secured land lease question and other matters | 10 order which the roads refuse to bey. That is the first thing necessary. It is hoped to get such an order from the court of visitation; then the case Night Watchman Hambrow, of Stroud | can go to the supreme court. Otherwise each cattleman will have to prosscute an individual case suit for overcharge.

Judge T. J. Garver, representing the Cattlemen's Association, held a conference with Governor Stanley and Attorney General Godard in regard to the visitation law. He also wants to get the railroad dispute into the courts in some manner. If the court of visitation is knocked out and there is no other way for the cattlemen to secure relief, he intimates that he will call an extra session of the legislature to pass a railroad bill.

The Santa Fe Didn't.

Chicago, Jan. 15 .- The statement published to the effect that the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway nual convention of commissioners of company had signed a new contract tions sat at the same table. agriculture of the cotton states at New with its trainmen granting what increase in wages, is denied. A conthe trail loaded with supplies for Shoe- between the company and the representatives of the employes and a satismaker's ranch would be a sight for factory adjustment was reached on the basis of rectifying certain inequalities, est bride 15. One bride of 39 had The long distance telephone being but no change was made in the wage gr

Hepburn Canal Bill Reported.

Washington, Jan. 15.-The house commerce ordered a favorable report upon the Hepburn bill for the coned by this committee in the last conrress. There was some discussion about the advisability of delaying action on the bill until the isthmian anal commission reported, but this was finally regarded as absolutely un-

In Cabinet Meeting. Washington, Jan. 15 .- At the cabinet neeting Secretary Hay read the reply in Delagoa Bay. The British answer was entirely satisfactory to this governnent

Japs Would Fight For Britain.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 13 .- So conagious is the enthusiasm here owing to the enlistment with the British been organized by an ex-Japanese offier. Japanese Consul Shimazu had made a formal tender of the services of beyond belief, and that he is afraid to this Jananese corps to the British gov-

General Otis Cables About Hemp. Washington, Jan. 13.-General Otis cables this: "Obliged to use all available coasting vessels in supplying troops in various islands. Am unable cured by the giving of socials and the to move troops to hemp districts as soon as anticipated. Am now collecting vessels here for that purpose, the United States transports are of too great draft; have opened Romblen and Capiz and some hemp is coming in. Will open hemp district as soon as possible; some time this month. Bates has about cleared up province of Ca. names standing for a husband who ite, making large captures. OTIS."

Second Class Mail Matter. Washington, Jan. 15 .- Mr. Loud, of is the Loud bill, in reference to second class mail matter, with some modificathe same as that of two years ago, exept that section 2 is changed to make the rate on second class mail matter cent a pound when the distance beween the office of mailing and the ffice of delivery does not exceed 1.000 liles, and 2 cents a pound when the stance exceeds 1,000 miles.

War Vessels on the Lakes.

Washington, Jan. 13.-The house committee on foreign affairs organized and agreed to report the resolutions of Representative William Alder Smith of Michigan, inquiring of the secretary of state as to the "status of account of the petitions not containing the agreement between the United amounts invested in the mine. States and Great Britain, said to proinclude all data bearing on the subject getting married. in the possession of the department...

KANSAS NOTES.

An overall factory is to be started in Topeka. Marshall county's total tax bill for in 1899 was \$304,063 19.

City and Leavenworth will not be in operation before February 1. The city officers at Hays City are all under 22 years of age, and all but the

Charles Cavenaugh of Sedgwick, THE LATEST NEWS IN BRIEF, who was "with Dewey at Manila," is banking on the prospect of about \$1,000 prize money. Colonel J. W. Forney, of Sumner

county, has shipped a box of seventyeight ears of corn for display at the Paris exposition. The fish commissioner of Kansas an-

nounces that the United States fish commission has sent him 500,000 bass to plant in Kansas streams. Samuel Triplett of Labette county

has been given a medal for bravery as one of the crew of the Marblehead who cut the cable at Cienfuegos. A Kansas editor, in shooting it into his esteemed contemp., says that he

has to dig under his toe nails with a gland £8,000,000. toothpick to find brains to edit his newspaper! A prize was offered in a Doniphan county Sunday school for the student who would learn the most bible verses

during the year. The winner succeeded in committing to memory 544 at Pasadena, California, A wedding anniversary entirely out of the common was the 67th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Willet Green of Wichita, which was

celebrated last week. Five genera-During 1889 there were 464 weddings amounted practically to a 15 per cent in Sedgwick county. The average age of the man was 27.7 years, and of ference has been held on this subject the women 23.3 years. The greatest disparity was between a groom of 65 and a bride of 19. The oldest groom was 68 and the oldest bride 58. The youngest groom was 19 and the youngcom aged 30, another bride of 32 had a groom of 23.

The Canadian government has offered "Buffalo" Jones a commission of capturing buffalo, muskox and committee on interstate and foreign reindeer for a public zoological park, One of our little girls, says a Wathena paper, wanted a new doll with such portions of the Indian Ter- struction of the Nicaragua Canal. The for Christmas. Her mother told her bill is practically the same one report- that her old doll was just as good as new, and she replied, "Well, I'm just as good as new, but the angels brought you a new baby."

The little Filipino boy, Juan Guriendo, who was a mascot in the Twentieth Kansas in the Philippines, has entered the Sedan public schools. is the ward of Lieutenant Ball. His teacher, Miss Effic Pleasant, is now teaching children of four distinct races of the human family. She has under her charge four negro children. of the British government to our repre- two Indian children, this Malay boy sentations regarding the flour seizure and enough Caucasian children to make an enrollment of about sixty-

An attempt will be made by the defense to prove that Joseph Leach who is on trial in the federal court for murder, is a degenerate. Leach was a private in the regular army stationed at Fort Riley, and he killed forces in South Africa that the Japan- a fellow soldier with a baseball bat. ese of this city are not only willing but The attorneys for Leach claim to be anxious to see service on the British able to prove that three of his uncles side of the Transvaal war. They have were idiots; that a grandfather was an habitual drunkard; that a greataunt died a raving maniac in an asylum; that his father and mother were first cousins; that his brother committed suicide, and finally that the defendant himself is a cigarette

The first ball of binding twine made by the penitentiary plant has been delivered to Governor Stanley, and will be deposited with the State Historical society. It weighs five pounds for school buildings. and contains 500 feet of firmly spun twine made of Yucatan sisal.

The old Attica sugar mill will be converted into a Mormon temple. In applying for a marriage license at Ottawa recently the bride gave her name as "Mrs. Fowler-Carruthers Storms-Dale," each of the hyphenated

had gone before. In the district court at Winfield, W. S. Workman has sued for divorce. He alleges that his wife drove him California, introduced what is known from their home in Illinois and now refuses to live with him. He says he owns considerable property in Kanilons. Mr. Loud's bill is substantially sas, and that his wife owns \$40,000 worth of real estate in Illinois, and he thinks the court would be doing the square thing if it allowed each to

> retain the property claimed by each. A Kan-as court has decided that when a school board closes the schools during a regular term the teachers' salaries must be paid just the same.

> A lot of Atchison men recently invested in a mine in the Cripple Creek district of Colorado, and its stock has been steadily advancing of late. It is said that R. P. Waggener could sell his holding at a profit of \$32,000, and that W. C. McPike could close out his stock and be \$25,000 ahead. At least

A young man in Jackson township, hibit the building, arming or maintain- | Seward county, talks so much that a ing of more than a single war vessel on local paper declares he recently the great lakes, such information to "talked himself into the notion" of

COMPLETE MARKET REPORTS.

An	Kansas City.
An overall factory is to be started in Topeka.	EATTLE—Common to heavy 4 00 @ 6 10 HOGS—Choice to heavy 4 55 @ 4 65
Marshall county's total tax bill for	WHEAT-No. 2 hard @ 64%
in 1899 was \$304,063 19.	DATS—No. 2. 2414 RYE—No. 2. 50
State Superintendent Nelson has	HAY—Choice timothy 9 00 @ 9 50
made official visits to sixty counties	Choice prairie 7 00 @ 7 50
in this state.	BUTTER 22 6 23 EGGS 141/4
Two fossil skeletons of gigantic	Chicago.
buffalos have been discovered near	WHEAT-No. 2 red 674/9. 673/
Fort Scott,	ORN-No. 2. 31% JATS-No. 2. 22% 23
The McPherson papers claim that	St. Louis Grain.
873,000 was expended in that town	WHEAT-No. 2
1899 for new buildings.	DORN-No. 2
The deposits in the Kansas banks	Cotton.
are now about \$50,000,000, which is	Unlands, Gulf.
between \$40 and \$50 per capita.	Liverpool
The electric line between Kansas	Galveston 7 11-16 7 15-16
City and Leavenworth will not be in operation before February 1.	Wichita Grain.
The city officers at Hays City are all	Open. High. Low. Today Y'day
under 22 years of age, and all but the	WHEAT-
nayor are unmarried.	May 67% 67%%67%% 67% 67% July 68% 68% 68% 68% 68% 68%
It is said that the Kansas people in	May 3314 3314 S49314 9314 9314
St. Louis are going to organize and	July 3416 3416 3416 3416 3416
hold reunions.	OATS- May 24 24½ 24 24 24
Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley	Calle Pate
are now the two largest garrisoned	Wheat: May
posts in the Department of the Mis-	Curb.
souri	Wheat: May
Conrad Ruch, who was working on	HOGS 4 30 @ 4 50
he section at Hoisington has fallen	Chicago Live Stock.
neir to \$50,000 from a brother in New York.	BEEVES \$4.00 @ 8.40
Robinson's stingy man is said to	HEIFERS 3 50 @ 5 00
nobinson's sunov man is said to	COWS 8 00 4 75

There is a German cruiser at Lourenzo Marques.

Boston's municipal debt was increased \$3,000,000 last year.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior Webster Davis is in Cape Town.

Queen Victoria has proclaimed the opening of parliament for January 30.

Boston shipped about 40,000 bales of hay last week to the British army in South Africa. It is rumored here that the Bank of

Russia has advanced the bank of Eng-Denver expended more than two million dollars on business and public

P. D. Armour, the millionaire packer is negotiating for a permanent home There are thirty-five cases of small-

buildings last year.

pox in the Northern Illinois normal school located at Divon Twenty-six cotton mills have been built in Mexico during the last year,

and more are being built. A gun stock factory in Frankford, Indiana, is working on an order for 40,-

000 gun stocks for the Boers. Explosion of acetylene gas burned a church at Eden, Nebraska, while a watch meeting was in session.

nd Me., a four story brick building burned, with a loss of \$100,000. Rev. J. K. Peck, the oldest minister in the Wyoming, Penn., Methodist Con-

A large carriage repository in Port-

ference, fell dead in his pulpit. According to the financial statement the net bonded debt of New York City

on January 1, 1900, was \$252,676,035. It is estimated that 55,000 Finns will emigrate this year and that practically all of them will come to the north-

Two shipping clerks of a wholesales

grocery in St. Joseph, Mo., have been arrested for systematically robbing their employers. Jobbers have tried to get a better discount from table glassware manu-

facturers than is given to department stores and failed to get it. The reciprocity treaty between the United States and France is being held up by each party on the ground that it

is too favorable to the other. Sir Thomas Lipton has again challenged for the America's cup. He says he will build the finest yacht ever con-

has plants at Topeka, St. Joseph and several other points, will put one in at over \$100,000,000. The actual amount The plan of having mail registered by carriers when collected will be put in operation January 15 in sixty cities. The service will be inaugurated elsewhere, when considered beneficial,

The Bird Canning company, which

upon application of the local officials. Four members of the Omaha board of Education are under arrest for bribery in connection with a contract for blinds L. H. Severance, formerly treasurer

of the Standard Oil company, has given \$60,000 to Oberlin college. The money will be used to erect and equip a chemical laboratory. Mr. Severance also donated the ground on which the building will stand.

put out because he is given no chance to fight the Filipinos. All labor unions of St. Joseph, Mo. are demanding from 15 to 25 per cent increase of wages, and recognition of

General Joe Wheeler is very much

the eight hour law. The Missouri State Federation of Labor failed to pass a resolution favor- roubles each; their sons 150,000 ing the formation of a labor party in roubles. It was the Czar Alexander opposition to the two old parties.

There were over 100 companies formally incorporated in the various states during 1899 for the manufacture of automobiles, and their total capitalization reached the enormous sum of \$504,300,000.

The British residents of Mexico have contributed \$600,000 gold to the British Soldiers' relief fund. Many English-

men have gone home to enter the army. The abuse of the war office and Lord Lansdowne, the secretary of state for forty Atchison men have similar war, and Lord Wolseley, continues unabated in the press and among the public of London.

Retail butchers of Minneapolis and the northwest have advanced the price on veal and pork one cent a pound. It is difficult for the packing houses to secure enough for the increased demand.

me Facts Which Indicate the Ports ricans' Williagness to Learn.

The Portorican is mentally acute.

The children learn with surprising ease-

and quickness. Boys and girls eight and ten years of age will do a sum in long division on the board without. showing the process; doing the multiplying and subtracting mentally, and only setting down the figures of the quotient, with the remainder. I have talked with men and women in the poor quarters of several cities and towns, have seen the peasant in thefield and in the market place, and did not find one with slow wits or dense ignorance of ordinary affairs. A workingman told me of a class of laborers he had formed in Arecibo who studied at night to prepare themselves for the educational test required for the franchise. He said they made rapid progress in learning to read, says Hon. H. K. Carroll in the Forum. The fact of illiteracy is not due to lack of intelligence, but rather to lack of opportunity and the lack, also, of a stimulus. The peasant has not been able to see how; he could improve his condition by education. The mercantile and the banking business were almost exclusively in the hands of the Peninsular Spaniards. It was next to impossible for a native to get a position of any kind in one of these houses. They preferred young men from Spain, relatives of they had them. These young men would begin at the lowest round of theladder, sleep in the store, live in the mest economical fashion and trust toexperience and opportunity for advancement, which seldom failed tocome. When the heads of the house returned to Spain with a competency, tolive the rest of their days in "Gracia," the newer part of Barcelona, theclerks succeed to the business. A Portorican who has a large and paying business in San Juan says it was with the greatest difficulty that he found a chance for himself with a Spanish firm. There was apparently no chance anywhere for the peasant. If by the greatest possible good luck he got steady work, and lived so as to save something, he was likely to be made the victim of some unprincipled, covetousneighbor, who had property and influence. When a poor man was compelled to part with his cow because he could not raise eight pesos to pay the alleged tax on her, and she became the property of a rogue at half price, peasants would say, "What is the use? Betterhave no belongings; we will spend as we go." They saw nothing to be gained by stinting and starving themselves to educate their children. The system was against them; and government and wealth seemed in league to prevent them from rising. The high rate of illiteracy in Porto Rico is not due to the unwillingness or inability of the people to learn, or to their indifference, but to conditions from which they could not extricate themselves.

A DISAPPOINTED REPORTER.

She Didn't Call on Miss Grace Dodge Again. A woman newspaper reporter, who is now a well-known author, once called upon Miss Grace Dodge, the millionaire organizer and head of the New York Working Girls' Clubs, who is also the author of "A Bundle of Letters to Busy Girls," says the Philadelphia Post. The servant looked sympathetically at the reporter, invited her into the house, took away her wet rubbers and shoes and brought dry ones, an act which filled the visitor's heart with joy. Then she brought a cup of tea and some biscuit. After a long wait Miss Dodge came in. "Are you a reporter?" she asked the newsgatherer. "Yes? I am very sorry you should have come up here this rainy day to see me. You know I never talk about my plans for publication, but we can have just as nice a time talking about books and pictures. Won't you have another cup of tea? Must you be going? I am very sorry. Wait a minute and have the coachman drive you to your office or your home. Come up some day when we can have more time, and I'll tell you all about the Working Girls' Clubs, but of course you won't print any of it." The reporter rode home, but she didn't call again-at least, not on busi-

Victoria Not So Wealthy. It has been stated that Queen Victoria has accumulated a fortune of of the queen's savings is known to a few people. One of these is Henry Labouchere, the radical, who came by his information officially as member of a special committee of the House of Commons about eight years since. Subsequently Mr. Labouchere wrote: "The impression prevails that the queen has effected large savings, but that is not the case. As the sum total of the queen's investments was given to the committee under a pledge of secrecy, I cannot violate this pledge, but I do not think I am breaking faith in saving that the amount is surprisingly small."

Heavy Calls Upon the Czar's Purse. No sovereign is so rich as the czar. and no sovereign has such heavy calls upon his purse. The grand dukes Michael, Vladimir, Alexis, Serge and Paul Alexandrovitch, as the sons of emperors of Russia, receive from the head of the house an annual sum of 185,000 roubles (£26,200) each, which added to private means, makes them very rich. The wives and widows of Russian grand dukes receive 40,000 III. who decreed that every member of the imperial family must spend a part of the year in Russia, or else los third of his or her allowance.

Nearly every member of the Russian imperial family rides a bicycla.

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